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CONFERENCE BROADENS MISSIONARY VISION



Viewing the Latin American display at the fourteenth annual missionary conference are left to right: Dan Merrick, El Salvador; Danny O'Brien, Mexico; student Allen Bradley, Irving, Texas; and Edwin Walker, Haiti.

The fourteenth annual Bryan missionary conference of March 1-5 featured twelve speakers—a businessman, nine missionaries, and two appointees—six of whom are Bryan graduates. The speakers represented eight countries and nine mission boards. The personnel of the conference was as follows:

Henderson Belk, Charlotte, N. C., businessman, who showed his slides on Russia and gave his personal testimony and a stirring message on the dangers of communism.

Danny O'Brien—southeastern regional secretary for Wycliffe Bible Translators and former Wycliffe worker in Mexico.

A. J. Overton, Jr.—field representative of the Slavic Missionary Service and former Pocket Testament League representative.

John T. Seamands—professor of missions at Asbury Theological Seminary and a three-term missionary in India under the Methodist Church.

Edwin S. Walker III—director of Centre Culturel Lumiere in Haiti under West Indies Mission.

Daniel Hirschy '41—Missionary with Baptist Mid-Missions now on third furlough from Chad and Central African Republic.

Helen Gow '48—missionary and teacher in Belgian Congo for two terms under Berean Mission.

Charles Taber '51—missionary educator in Central African Republic for two terms where he founded Christian day schools and trained teachers under Grace Brethren Foreign Mission Board.

Daniel and Betty (Smetters '53) Merrick—missionaries specializing in radio and Bible teaching in El Salvador under Central American Mission.

John and Joyce (Johnson) Rathbun '54—under appointment to Korea by The Evangelical Alliance Mission with plans to help set up a Bible school for Koreans.

At the conference the executive committee of the Foreign Missions Fellowship chapter announced a goal of \$5,000

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Birthday Banquet Honors Mr. Bryan; Recognizes Bryan College Founders

The birthday of William Jennings Bryan and founders' day were celebrated jointly this year in a banquet held at the college on the evening of March 18. Rev. Robert Wood, pastor of the Park City Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, Tenn., was the speaker for the occasion. Among the interesting facts revealed by Dr. Mercer in his introduction of this longtime friend of Bryan was that it was at Park City in 1953 under Mr. Wood's sponsorship that the Bryan concert choir gave its first away concert.

Out-of-town guests besides Mr. and Mrs. Wood included Howard (Mickey) and Martha King Park of French Camp Academy, Miss., David Marsteller of Michigan, a delegation of alumni from the Upper East Tennessee chapter, and a number of visiting prospective students.

Besides the address, features of the program were the announcement of the winners in the Mr. and Miss Bryan con-

test and the playing of excerpts of speeches by William Jennings Bryan, recorded from original masters in the Library of Congress. This celebration marked the 101st anniversary of Bryan's birth and the thirty-first year of the college.

Commencement Speakers

Dr. Paul R. Van Gorder of Atlanta and Dr. Bennie Carmichael of Chattanooga will be the two principal speakers at the 1961 commencement exercises. Dr. Van Gorder, pastor of Colonial Hills Baptist Church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on the evening of Sunday, June 4, and Dr. Carmichael, superintendent of the Chattanooga public school system, will address the graduating seniors on Tuesday, June 6.

President's Column

I wish to use my column this quarter to honor the memory of Dr. Loren Jones, a dear friend who departed to be with



Christ on October 27, 1960, just after the fall quarter of the *NEWSLETTER* had gone to press. It was a privilege to have a part in the funeral service of this servant of Christ at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Greenville, where a dear brother in the Lord, Rev. William Cooper Cumming, is pastor. I have never seen a more triumphant spirit manifested in any kind of religious service. Sorrow, yes; but also a surging spirit of restrained joy in knowing that "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord" and that "to depart and be with Christ is far better." The service was significantly beautified by the use of two gospel songs which came into use in the early years of Dr. Jones' career as an evangelistic singer—"One Day" by Evangelist J. Wilbur Chapman and "The Glory Song" by Charles Gabriel, which was introduced by the young Mr. Jones in an Anthony, Kansas, evangelistic meeting, where the pianist was a beautiful Tri-Delt coed, Laura Thompson, from Baker University, who three years later became Mrs. Loren Jones.

Dr. Jones was born September 9, 1881, in London, O., and was reared in Creston, Iowa. In a foreshadowing of his own life's work, he was converted to Christ as a young man by the ministry of Charles M. Alexander, the renowned gospel singer of the turn of the century. At nineteen, Dr. Jones left Creston with Mr. Alexander and Evangelist M. B. Williams to begin his career as an evangelistic singer and song leader. In these early years, Dr. Jones was located in Atlanta where he earned his living as city salesman for the then new Coca-Cola, while doing evangelistic singing on the side. Asa Candler, the founder of Coca-Cola, offered him the franchise for the British Isles. After prayer and reflection, he declined this offer, which undoubtedly would have made him in time a multi-millionaire, in order to give full time to evangelistic singing. It was shortly after this decision that he took part in the Kansas meeting where he met the future Mrs. Jones.

This talented couple was active for fifty years in evangelistic music and numerous other Christian activities. Traveling first with Evangelist Lincoln McConnell, they later worked with Billy Sunday, Dr. Bob Jones, and Dr. John Brown. For a number of years, Dr. Jones was the Bible conference director on the Moody extension staff and for a decade they were associated with John Brown University, where the

plans resulting in the organization of the Wycliffe Bible Translators were made in their yard.

Prior to their move to Greenville in 1951, Dr. and Mrs. Jones taught Bible in the county schools of the Thomaston, Ga., area for ten years. Mrs. H. A. Ironside was a close friend of theirs in Thomaston. In Greenville, though alleged to be in "retirement," Dr. and Mrs. Jones continued their usual happy and full schedule of Christian activities, lending a cheerful hand where help was most needed, surrounded by some old friends and a host of new ones, whom the Lord gave to them. Truly it is a privilege to know people of the quality of Dr. and Mrs. Jones. To them it may genuinely be said, "Ye are the salt of the earth."

Moody Press Publishes Work of Bryan Professor

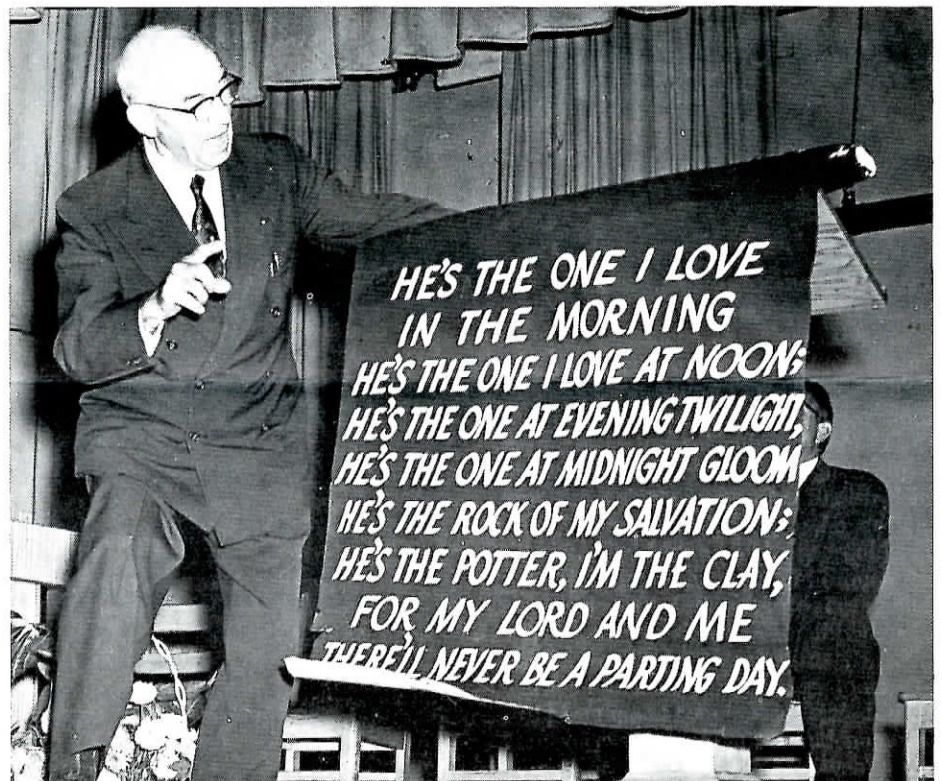
Dr. Irving L. Jensen, professor of Bible, is the author of a new book entitled *Independent Bible Study*, which is expected to be released by Moody Press early in 1962. In this work Dr. Jensen presents the inductive method and the analytical chart method of Bible study which he has been using in some of his classes at Bryan. He is head of the Bible department and has been on the faculty since 1953.

Staff Additions and Changes Announced

Richard Cornelius, '55, of Jacksonville, Fla., a Ph.D. candidate in English at the University of Tennessee, has been appointed assistant professor of English and will begin his teaching at Bryan next fall. Mr. Cornelius replaces Mrs. Lucy D. Sullivan, who is teaching in Turkey under a Fulbright grant.

Mrs. Richard (Donna Black) Cornelius will rejoin the faculty to teach on a part-time basis in music. Mrs. Cornelius attended Bryan for two years, received her bachelor's degree from Colorado State College and her master's degree in music education from U.T. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Cornelius was a member of the Bryan faculty in 1958-59.

Dr. Judson Rudd, president emeritus, is serving as acting business manager of the college, replacing R. G. Adams, who resigned to accept a position with the University of Dubuque (Ia.) in February. Mr. Adams had served as business manager of the college since July, 1953. Russell V. Stansbury, retired Dayton businessman, is serving as administrative assistant in the business management of the college.



Shown above is the late Dr. Loren Garfield Jones of Greenville, S. C., in action as he led the Bryan College student body in learning a chorus at the 1958 fall Bible Conference, when Dr. and Mrs. Jones were conference musicians. The Bryan conference was the last series of meetings for which Dr. Jones led the singing. After two years of declining health, Dr. Jones passed away on October 27, 1960. His death almost marked the close of an era in gospel song leading. Dr. Homer Hammontree is probably the only active survivor of that golden age of the gospel song which produced such a large number of outstanding musicians. A tribute to Dr. Jones by Dr. Mercer appears in the president's column of this issue.

Concert Choir Tours Georgia and Florida

Two Musical Teams Plan Summer Trip

Two teams of gospel messengers have been organized to travel for the college this summer. Professor Donald Hill of the education department, who is also a musician, will head one group, which will include brother and sister John and Theresa Rynders of Minneapolis, both graduating seniors: David Pierceall, sophomore of Washington, D. C., who traveled last summer; Joan Dowell, freshman from Washington, D. C.; and alumna Jean Sentz, '60, of Asheville, N. C., who has traveled for the past three years.

A second ensemble will include alumna Ursula Hildebrandt, '59, pianist and staff representative, who is enrolled at Bryan this semester for special courses in education; graduating senior Jerry Bauman of Decatur, Illinois; sophomore Tom Beal of Glenside, Pa.; Dennis Williams, freshman from Irving, Tex.; Judy Frappier, freshman from Chattanooga; and Jim Roeder, junior from St. Petersburg, who will serve as student manager also.

Itineraries are in preparation to include the states east of the Mississippi, except New England, plus Texas and Minnesota. *Anyone desiring to schedule one of these teams who has not received information already from the college should send in his request immediately.*

Spring Tour Added

In addition to the choir, a gospel messenger team directed by the dean, Dr. Karl Keefer, will tour Florida during spring vacation, April 1-10. Besides Dr. Keefer, the group includes a student trumpet trio composed of Dennis Williams, Tom Beal, and David Gilbert; Miss Jimmie Woods, dean of women, violinist and vocalist; and Miss Ursula Hildebrandt, '59, pianist and accompanist.

Donehoo Represents Alumni

Fred Donehoo, '53, dean of men and history professor, will speak at the Baptist Church in Farmingdale, N. J., on April 7, 8, 9 in youth services. On Saturday afternoon a Christian education rally with representatives and exhibits from different Christian schools will precede the banquet and evening service. Bruce Harrison '51 is the host pastor.

Bryan alumni in New Jersey plan to meet at Farmingdale during Mr. Donehoo's visit and in Philadelphia a little earlier in the week. Thomas Taylor, '54, president of the Bryan Alumni Association and professor at Faith Theological Seminary, will be in charge of the alumni arrangements.



Shown above is the Bryan College choir which will fill engagements in Georgia and Florida April 1-10. The thirty-two voice choir is directed by Prof. Gerald L. Woughter, head of the department of music, who is completing his tenth year at Bryan. This is the seventh Bryan choir to go on tour. Traveling with the group will be Bryan's president, Dr. Mercer, and Miss Rebecca Peck, executive alumni secretary.

The itinerary is as follows:

- Sat., Apr. 1 Atlanta Youth for Christ
7:45 p.m. Art Association Auditorium
1280 Peachtree St., N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.
- Sun., Apr. 2 Crest Lawn Memorial Park
6:00 a.m. 2000 Marietta Blvd., N. W.
Atlanta, Ga.
- 5:00 p.m. Emmanuel Presbyterian Ch.
442 School Drive, S. E.
Atlanta 15, Ga.
- 7:30 p.m. Colonial Hills Baptist Church
Newman and Knotts Avenue
East Point, Georgia
- Mon., Apr. 3 Third Street Baptist Church
8:00 p.m. Third Street and Eighth Ave.
Cordele, Ga.
- Tues., Apr. 4 Faith Baptist Church
500 N. Bumby Street
Orlando, Fla.
- Wed., Apr. 5 Central Bible Church
7:30 p.m. 3800 17th Avenue, W.
St. Petersburg, Fla.
- Thurs., Apr. 6 Calvary Baptist Church
7:30 p.m. 3006 Ninth Avenue, West
Bradenton, Fla.
- Fri., Apr. 7 Grace Brethren Church
7:30 p.m. 1800 N. W. 9th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- Sat., Apr. 8 Open
- Sun., Apr. 9 Open
a.m.
- 7:30 p.m. Sylvania Hts. Baptist Church
5859 S.W. 16th St.
Miami, Fla.
- Mon., Apr. 10 Open
p.m.

Bryan History Department Conducts Lecture Series

"The United States Supreme Court" was the topic of a week-end lecture series on February 24-25 sponsored by the department of history under the general theme of "The Christian and the Social Studies." Speakers for the institute were Matt Prince, a Knoxville, Tenn., attorney; Harold Hollingsworth, instructor at the University of Tennessee; and T. F. Guthrie, superintendent of Rhea County Schools. Fred Donehoo, chairman of the department of history, was director of the institute.

A highlight of the institute was the Saturday noon luncheon attended by a number of local teachers in addition to the college students. For the occasion Everett Boyce, instructor in history, spoke on the subject, "The High School Social Studies as College Preparation." There was special interest in the critique by Mr. Guthrie and in the participation at the open forum, which concluded the two-day sessions.

From time to time it is planned that institutes of this kind will be conducted not only by the division of social science but also by the divisions of humanities and natural science.

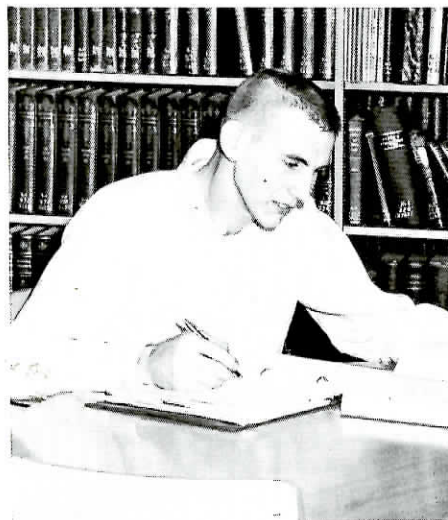
Lions Rank High In College Scoring

The 1960-61 edition of the Bryan Lions basketball team closed their season with a home game on Feb. 28, defeating Walker College of Alabama 83-81 in a thriller, and racking up a season game record of 19-11. With an average of 93.8, the Lions ranked fourth offensively among the nation's small colleges (this includes institutions with enrollment up to 1,600) and twenty-eighth defensively with a 62.4 average.

Bryan's ace basketball scorer is LeBron Bell of Chattanooga, who according to an Associated Press release is runner-up for scoring honors in the small colleges of the nation with a season average of 33.0 per game for the 14 senior college games that count in this category; his total of 915 points in 28 games gives an overall season average of 32.6. He made 338 field goals and scored 239 free throws. Beside Bell, other high scorers were Dixon with 16.7 and Todd with 12.1 per game.

Bryan's basketball program has been financed in part by athletic scholarships this past year. A faculty committee has just completed an evaluation of the athletic scholarship program on the basis of which the president will make recommendation to the trustees for the program next year. The committee reports that a majority opinion strongly favored the continuation of the scholarships and believed that the money spent was a good investment.

Bell's pose below as a serious student, while taken for publicity use, is realistic inasmuch as the Dean of the College has indicated that Bell's academic average for the first semester was 2.6 out of a possible 3.0 and that only two students in the college ranked higher. Bell, sophomore transfer from Hiwassee Junior College, is married and has a year-old daughter.



Studious LeBron Bell excels in academics and sports as a top-ranking scorer.



Left to right, those pictured are as follows: Front row—Allen Bradley, Irving Texas, trainer; Glenn Heinrich, Goshen, Ind.; Dennis Wilkins, Augusta, Mich.; Jerry Bauman, Decatur, Ill.; Til Zeller, Westcliffe, Colo.; second row—Coach Jim Voight; Bill Stanton, Dayton, Tenn.; Jerry Todd, Bardwell, Ky.; James Ramage, Burma, Ky.; LeBron Bell, Chattanooga; Wayne Dixon, Alcoa, Tenn.; and Maurice Allen, Hamilton, O., manager.

Memorial Fund Received

A gift of \$10,000 to be known as the White B. Miller Student Loan Fund has been made by an anonymous donor to honor the memory of the late Mr. Miller, one of Chattanooga's leading attorneys. Prior to his move to Chattanooga many years ago, Mr. Miller was an attorney in Dayton as an associate of the late J. B. Swafford.

WANTED

The college is interested in receiving applications from qualified personnel in the following fields:

STAFF—

Stenographic and clerical
Photography and publicity

FACULTY—

Ph.D's in English and history

High School Visitors Share Valentine Week-end Events

The third annual high school guest week end of February 10-12 attracted more than 50 prospective students and some 15 alumni. With its limited housing facilities, the college was happily crowded "to the door." Activities included an all-college party, the annual Valentine banquet, a basketball game, the American College Testing Program, and a spiritual life meeting on Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Henry Grosh, director of Atlanta Youth for Christ, as speaker. Miss Zelfa Russell, director of admissions, directed the week end of activities.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

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for its contributions to Bryan alumni on the foreign mission field. A total of \$3,000 has already been reached and additional pledges are expected from alumni in the United States who wish to share with the students in this project.

The missionary fund committee hopes to send two \$25 checks during the year to each of the ninety alumni missionaries or missionary couples. These represent some thirty different fields and twenty-eight mission boards.

Alumni Design Place Mats

The distribution of place mats advertising Bryan College has been adopted as a project by the Upper East Tennessee Alumni Chapter in carrying out the phase of the current alumni project of student recruitment. The mats will be made available to churches, conferences, and other Christian organizations. Samples will be distributed shortly, but requests from NEWSETTE readers as well as suggestions as to where these mats may be most effectively placed are solicited. Write:

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